the allocation formula given in the Statement (*see* below).

(d) All the States in the Southern Region have been allocated power as per the formula. Further, Karnataka share out of the unallocated Central Sector Power is at present 27.5%. It is not possible to increase Karnataka's share further by reducing share of other States because all the States in Southern Region are facing acute shortage of power.

Statement

Formula for Allocation of NTPC Power to States

(i) 15% power is kept as unallocated at the disposal of the Centre to meet the emergency requirements of individual States from time to time.

(ii) 10% power, is allocated to the State in which the power station is located; and

(iii) the remaining 75% power is allocated amongst the States of the region (including the 'Home State') in accordance with the energy consumed and the Central Plan assistance given to the States during the last five years. The needs of the Union Territories are also met through appropriate allocations.

Gas Distribution System for Small Industries of U.P.

59. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a gas distribution system to feed hundreds of small industries in Kanpur, Ferozabad, Agra, Khurja, Ghaziabad and NOIDA areas of U.P.; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) 0.23 MMSCMD has been allocated to industrial units around Ghaziabad. An allocation of 0.6 MMSCMD has been made for industrial units around Agra and Ferozabad. The units in Ghaziabad are being supplied gas. Gas supplies to the industries in Agra and Ferozabad are expected to commence in 1997. No allocations have been made in Kanpur, Khurja and NOIDA areas as the gas available is fully allocated.

Job Opportunities

60. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of job opportunities created so far during the last three years, year-wise in the country, particularly in Punjab;

(b) the figures of unemployment upto 31st December, 1995 and 30th June, 1996, State-wise; and

(c) the concrete steps being taken by Government to tackle the unemployment problem in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are made on the basis of the quinquennial surveys on employment and unemployment conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The latest survey relates to the year 1993-94 and the estimates based on this are yet to be finalised. Annual estimates for the years between successive quinquennial surveys and projections beyond have been made on the basis of certain forecasting methodoligies. However, it is felt that these estimates/projections may not be sufficiently reliable for assessing progress in employment generation.

(c) Expansion of employment opportunities through growth of sectors and sub-sectors with high employment